

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

- 1-31. (Canceled).
32. (Previously presented) Battery-powered handpiece, comprising a sensing contact for detecting current flow between a first charging contact, for connection to a first contact of a battery, and a second charging contact, for connection to a second contact of a battery.
33. (Previously presented) Battery-powered handpiece according to claim 32, further comprising a magnet co-operating with a magnetically activatable switch arranged in a charger device, for initiating a charging operation once the battery-powered handpiece is electrically connected to said charger device.
34. (Previously presented) Battery powered handpiece according to claim 33, wherein said magnet is arranged in proximity to the housing of the handpiece.
35. (Previously presented) Battery-powered handpiece according to claim 32, further comprising a diode located between said first charging contact and said first contact of said battery for allowing charging current to flow from said first charging contact into said battery but preventing current flow in opposite direction.
36. (Previously presented) Charger device for a battery-powered handpiece, comprising a sensing pin detecting current flow between a first charging pin and a second charging pin.
37. (Previously presented) Charger device according to claim 36, further comprising a warning means for giving a warning signal if current flow between said first and second charging pins is sensed by said sensing pin.
38. (Previously presented) Charger device according to claim 37, wherein said warning means provides an acoustic and/or optical warning.
39. (Currently amended) Charger device according to claim 36, wherein said sensing pin of said charger device is in contact with a sensing pin at said handpiece if